

Dear Allison,

As a 4-year Member of the Board of the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, I would like to support proposed H.B. No.5049, concerning the removal or destruction of trees within municipal boundaries. We all know that drawing a line in the sand, or in this case, between properties, has nothing to do with the effects to surrounding properties and to the community at large when private trees are felled or in many cases, clear-cut. The overreaching benefits that trees provide under the ground and in our atmosphere are not limited to the parcel that they are growing on. Our trees absorb CO₂, establish shade, improve air quality and create general health and well-being; they add to property values as well as to the aesthetics of the community. Possibly the most obvious recent effects of the unchecked felling or destruction of trees in our communities has been the increase in flooding and erosion.

It is imperative that CT join our neighboring state who already have this kind of legislation to protect our communities and our trees.

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